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ECLOGUES

Announcing the Victory of Marathon.

He cometh from the purple hills,
Where the fight has been to-day;
He bears the standard in his hand—
Shout round the victor's way!
The sun-set or battle won,
Is round his steps from Marathon.

Gather the myrtles near,
And fling them on his path;
Take from her braided hair
The flowers the maiden hath,
A welcome to the welcome one,
Who hastens now from Marathon.

They crowd around his steps,
Rejoicing, young and old;
The laurel-branch he bears,
His glorious tale hath told,
The Persian's hour of pride is done,
Victory is on Marathon.

She cometh with brightened cheek,
She who hath all day wept;
The wife and mother's tears,
Where her youngest infant slept,
The heart is in her eyes alone,
What careth she for Marathon?

But down on the threshold, down!
Sinks the warrior's falling breath,
The tale of that mighty fight
Is left to be told by death.
'Tis a common tale—the victor's sun
Sets, in tears and blood, o'er Marathon.

From the New Yorker.

NAUTICAL ADVENTURE.

From an unpublished Novel, entitled, "The Scourge
of the Ocean," by the author of Jack Marlin's "Yarn,"
&c.

It was about one bell of the middle watch,
and but few sounds disturbed the deep stillness
that reigned throughout the precincts of the Gan-
ymede. The tread of the sentinels, as they
walked to and fro, and the heavy breathings of
the sleeper on the berth deck, just served to
render the stillness more apparent, and relieve
the scene from utter solitude. The pale moon
was rising over the heights of Brooklyn, diffu-
sing a mild and pearly light throughout the heav-
ens, and tipping with dashes of snowy splendor
each object that faced the orient. The breeze,
which had prevailed with freshness during the
day, went down with the sun, and the waters of
the Bay had sunk to calm repose. There was
an enchantment in the scene that would laugh
at description—a hallowed influence that noth-
ing of words could convey to the imagination.
The officer of the deck was seated on a gun-
carriage, indulging in those musings of happiness
which often fly off with the weary hours of a
watch, and the two midshipmen of the opposite
side of the deck had suffered duty and disci-
pline to yield to the influence of sleep, and were
perhaps dreaming of their happy homes in sunny
England. But there was one individual aboard
who, though relieved from duty, had not yet re-
signed himself to slumber. Thoughts of too
agitating a nature crowded upon his brain to
permit that drowsy influence, and he lay awake
reflecting upon the incidents which had forced
him into his present situation. At last his mind
seemed to have been made up on some subject,
for, rising from his recumbent posture, he pos-
sessed himself of some article from his locker
and ascended to the gun-deck.

"Is that you, Mr. Everett?" said an individual
on the main-battlement.

"Yes, Mr. Spikes. Why are you up at this
hour?"

"Because I've seen, I could not close the hatch-
es of vision for overhauling the log-book of
memory; and so I thought I'd plank the deck
a while. I was smoking of one Sal Spunker, of
Ragged Row, Portsmouth. You might have
made him a hero now in your cruising, Mister
Everett. She sold passages to the chaps down
about the sally-port. A good, tight, weatherly
wench is that same Sal, sir; and I'm thinking
as how it would not be a bad plan, after the ship
was paid off, to try her a spell on the track of
matrimony."

"The married state is generally allowed to be
an enviable one," responded the midshipman.

"Why, as to that, sir, I won't be so positive.
I thought as how I could weather the shoals of
misfortune with Mrs. Spikes, but it was a false
reckoning. She took a fancy to a corporal of
marines, and we parted company."

"Then you have been married before, Mr.
Spikes?"

"O, yes sir, seven or eight times," returned
the boatswain, modestly.

"Some veering and hauling in one place, and
some in another. Ye see, Mr. Everett, altho'
I have as nat'ral an affection for children as any
other man, I don't like to be hailed 'Daddy'
by other people's."

"Your wives, then, were unfaithful?"

"Call it what you please, sir, ***
'You have been unfortunate in your mari-

monial speculations, Mr. Spikes."

"Why, yes, a little so; but I don't mind it,
sir. Landmarks, you know, an't seen out at
sea. I manage to cast 'em off when I take a
departure. But enough of my own yarn and a
little more of yours. You've worked yourself
into a bad channel, Mr. Everett."

"If you mean to say I am at present involved
in difficulties," replied the midshipman, gravely,
"you are right."

"That was my drift exactly, Master George,"
answered Spikes; "and how do ye intend to
work your traverse out of it?"

"By quitting the ship to-night."

"Yes—that would be as easy done as said if
you had the first luff's permission to leave and
the officer of the deck's order for a boat."

"My departure from this ship, Mr. Spikes,
shall not be dependent on the favor of either of
them. I shall swim to the shore this very
night."

"What! an officer turn deserter?"

"Even so: 'tis my only chance."

"And the sentinels—how do you expect to
weather the redcoats?" asked Spikes.

"By discretion."

"Well, well, Mr. Everett, you're a fine young
gentleman, and damn me if I don't lend you a
hand though they smash me for it. I liked the
manner you capsize his lordship this morning,
and so did every man for a'd of the steerage
bulkhead. I've got a thing stowed away here
in the starboard locker of this pea-jacket that
will keep the soger in play while you slip down
the bobsay. So now, Mr. Everett, I'll go for-
'a'd, and you must watch the moment to slip
cable and fill away." So, leaving our hero to
await the moment when the attention of the sen-
tinel should be diverted from his duty, Mr.
Spikes proceeded to the topgallant forecastle to
effect the desired end. Seating himself on the
forecastle chest within a few feet of the upright
form of the marine, he gave a loud 'thump' to
notify the other of his presence, and, perceiving
that this had the desired effect, he drew forth a
bottle half full of good old whiskey, and, giving
it a hearty shake, he held it up to the light of
the moon for a moment, as if in examination of
its head, and then uncorking it, took a hearty
and long-enduring draught. This was striking
at the very root of the soldier's philosophy.

He looked wistfully at the bottle, and seemed to
distrust the event of a separation between the
mouth of the bottle and the mouth of the man.
But when the boatswain at length took it from
his lips with a smack of satisfaction, and held it
invitingly towards the sentry, the philosophy of
the latter disappeared altogether, and laying
down his musket, he did as much justice to its
contents as did its legitimate possessor the mo-
ment before.

"Bless me! what was that?" ejaculated the
soldier, as Everett let go his hold of the bot-
tle and plunged into the water.

"That," said the boatswain, "why, Ramrod, I
should say it was just nothing at all, as Paddy
said when he seen the Frenchman. Come,
take another pull at the halliards, and don't let
a porpoise interfere with the arrangement of
your spirit-room."

"I was certain I 'erd a noise," said the military
functionary, complying very readily with the
request of his companion. "It is utterly impos-
sible to deceive me in these little matters. I
know a thing or two, Mr. Spikes, halthough
you don't give me credit for it."

"Mr. Ramrod, there's where you're cast on
the wrong track. I always thought you a very
munificent chap, and that's the reason why I
now condescend to drink with you. Do you
suppose that I, Frederic Spikes, boatswain of
his majesty's frigate Ganymede, would be seen
splitting the main brace with any and every fel-
low in the guard? No, in course not. I tell
you, Ramrod, that you are the only decent red-
coat in the squad."

The soldier seemed struck with the truth of
his companion's remark.

"And it's always been a matter that I had'n't
line to fathom how a man with such larning and
capacities as you've stowed away in your nod-
dle there—(take another pull at the halliards)—
could bear the idea of messing with such a
squad of ignoramuses."

"To be candid with you, Mr. Spikes," said
Ramrod, evidently flattered by the boatswain's
last remark, and assuming an air of greater
gravity, "it has been halways a source of infinite
mortification, but you know the old adage,
'Misfortune makes strange bedfellows.' I was
a little indiscreet at 'ome, got himtangled in a
very awkward affair with a lady of quality—
had the bit luck to shoot her hon'ly brother in
a duel, and was hobliged to enlist in order to
heavate the 'ands of the law."

"I always thought there was something of
that kind in the wind," said the boatswain, cast-
ing a sidelong glance upon the water to observe
the progress of the midshipman; "I can tell a
man of education through a three-inch bulk-
head."

The speaker paused, for he observed the
sentinel on the poop pointing out the form of
Everett to the officer on deck.

"Young gentlemen," said the Lieutenant, hur-
riedly—the midshipmen started from their slum-
bers—(tell the boatswain to call all hands as
quick as possible.)

Ramrod snatched his musket and stood up

as firm as the mast behind him, whilst Mr.
Spikes descended the forecastle ladder for the
purpose of rousing the hundred sleeping in-
mates of the Ganymede from the fairy region
of dreams to scenes of sterner reality.

After our hero had gained the water, he
struck out from under the bows of the frigate
as silently as possible, his progress at first was
painfully slow, as the moon was shining as
bright as day, and he knew that the slightest
noise would alarm the watchful ears of the sen-
tinel. The tide at the time was at ebb, and he
was consequently drifted in the direction of the
East river, and more in a line with the obser-
vation of the marine stationed on the poop,
whom he knew would be more on the alert
than the man whom Spikes was entertaining on
the forecastle. This rendered it necessary to
be still more cautious, and an observer would
hardly have noticed his progress at all, but still
he gradually approached the shore, and as he
increased the distance between himself and the
frigate, his efforts became more and more en-
ergetic. Once he thought an unfortunate
splash had discovered him to the sentinel, but
the cry of 'all's well,' which rose from the Gan-
ymede the next moment, assured him to the con-
trary, and he bounded forward with renewed
vigor and brighter anticipations.

Already had our hero gained two thirds of
the space that lay between the nearest point of
land and the anchorage of the frigate; the
shore rose up boldly before him, and a few min-
utes exertion would place him in safety upon
the surface. Already he began to congrat-
ulate himself upon his good fortune, when the
loud shrill whistle of the boatswain, followed
by the hoarse and long continued cry, 'A-l-
h-a-n-d-s!' swelled from the decks of the
Ganymede with a sound that sent an icy chill
to the heart and hopes of the midshipman.

There was still a broad sheet of water to be
passed before he could gain the point of land,
and the tide was setting fearfully against him;
terror lent him renewed energy, and he exerted
his limbs with renewed vigor. At intervals he
would look wildly back in the direction of the
dark hull of the frigate to ascertain if he was
yet pursued; but it was nearly five minutes
from the time he was observed by the sentinel
before the first boat pushed off in chase.

"Hurry up there, men, hurry up!" shouted
the officer of the deck as the crew issued hastily
from the depths of the ship, wondering what
circumstance disturbed them at that unseason-
able time. "Hurry up, hurry up!" exclaimed
the master-at-arms, rattling his rattle upon the
watch ladder. "Tumble up, tumble up!" shout-
ed Spikes, who betrayed a more than interest
in the affairs of the moment.

"Call away all the boats, bo's'n's mate—stand
by to take charge young gentlemen," exclaimed
the first Lieutenant, who had just come on
deck. "Away there, first cutters—away there,
second and third cutters—go in your
boat gigs!" exclaimed one of the boatswain's as-
sistants, with a voice that bore no small resem-
blance to the intonation of a coffee-mill—thun-
der, my luvvies don't be a life-time about it."

The confusion of men hurrying to and fro,
the lowering of the boats from the davits, the
mandates of the officers, the cheerings and
curses of the crews of the various boats, the
noise of the oars as they were tossed about the
thwarts, and their wash as they rose and fell in
the water, rendered the scene one of lively in-
terest. Men were seen stirring on board the
two smaller vessels of war, and presently mes-
sages came from each, to ascertain the cause of
the sudden movement, and proffer their respec-
tive assistance.

The last boat had left the side of the Gan-
ymede, and Everett had not yet reached the
shore. His strength was well exhausted, and
his strokes were slow and feeble. Although he
gained the precincts of the heavy shade of
the buildings, despair seized upon his heart, and
he felt his efforts succumbing to long baffled
weakness. Ten yards of water separated him
from the shore, but he could sustain himself no
further. "God have mercy on me!" exclaimed
the young man in the bitterness of his soul, as
he beheld the foremost boat sweeping rapidly
towards him, impelled by the long, steady
strokes of six lusty rowers. Again he threw
the little energy left into his arms, wildly he
dashed his limbs through the treacherous ele-
ment; it was the last effort of despair, and that
effort was successful. He gained the beach,
paused a moment for breath, and rushed for a
while amidst the intricacies of the city, and at
length sunk exhausted down upon the pave-
ment. Half an hour afterwards a gun was
fired from the Ganymede, in recall to her boats,
and they slowly returned from their unsuccess-
ful search.

INFLUENCE. Nobody is without influence.—
The smallest atom in the Universe hath its in-
fluence on every other atom. The smallest
drop of dew that falls into the Ocean, hath its
influence on the tides—the everlasting pulses
of that Ocean. All bodies, whether moral or
physical, gravitate toward the centre of the Un-
iverse. From the deepest vault above—the
caverns of the stars—down to the deepest place
of all the Earth or Sea, where trees flower to
the thunder, and the coral of the profoundest
depths blossom, to a perpetual hurricane—there

is not an insect—an atom—a mote—which
hath not an immediate and everlasting influ-
ence upon the very stars themselves, and upon
the steadfast foundations of that earth.

OUR STATE.

In the American Magazine of Useful and
Entertaining Knowledge, for February, there
is an engraving representing the "Coat of Arms
of the State of Maine." In connection with it,
the editor has given the following article. It
will be seen that the writer has made us real
"go-ahead" steam-boat characters.—*People's
Advocate.*

Here is a fac simile of the "Armorial Bear-
ings" of the State of Maine—formerly "the
District" of that name—and which became in-
dependent of Massachusetts in 1820. This is
the State so famous for "townships" streams
and waterfalls, pine woods and granite moun-
tains, village sites, lime quarries, and fine farm-
ing lands; and where adventure and specula-
tion have been so rife and triumphant, for sev-
eral years past. The people of Maine have
long been distinguished for their hardihood and
enterprise, their shrewdness, economy, indus-
try, and public spirit. "Go ahead" is almost
an universal, if not an old motto with them;
and they live up to the very letter of it, with a
fixed and persevering purpose really remark-
able. If they fail in one undertaking, they are
ready at once to turn their hand to another;
and "although they may encounter reverses to-
day, like 'true yankees,' they are 'up and do-
ing' to-morrow." Nothing in fact discourages
them. "Go ahead," they cry; and ever pre-
pared to act, "go ahead" it is. With such
habits and dispositions, and under the peculiar
circumstances of their situation, it is not at all
surprising, that comparatively speaking, they
should be in a most gainful and promising con-
dition. Indeed, more and larger fortunes have
probably been amassed in Maine since 1829,
than have been won, in the like space of time,
in any other State of the Union. But this
money-making on a great scale, they say, is
but in its infancy with them. They have but
just entered upon the threshold of "such mat-
ters." Means and opportunities almost innum-
erable still remain; and though now and then
there may be some sort of stagnation in the
world of adventure, still there must be advance-
ment as well as retrogression; and fortunes
upon fortunes are yet in store for those who
are on the alert and seek them.

"There is a
tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the
flood, leads on to fortune;" and this tide, they
aver is but upon "the incipient flow" in Maine.

It is true, heretofore the inhabitants have
been somewhat behind their neighbors in inter-
nal improvements; for like the people of New
England generally, in respect to the great mod-
ern facilities for intercommunication, they have
been tardy in beginning; but like them too,
having once commenced and got fairly under-
way, there is no stopping them. You might as
well attempt to stay the impetus of the "high
wind." Their course is alike onward, sure
and irresistible. Embracing a vast area of
valuable territory, with extensive public do-
mains and superabundant natural resources,
Maine is destined, by the aid of a liberal and
fostering policy on the part of her home gov-
ernment, in regard to all important public un-
dertakings, and by a proper, not to say gener-
ous distribution of the common funds towards
the support of the literary and scientific institu-
tions of the land, by this aid and distribution,
and not without, Maine we repeat, is destined
to flourish more and more in population and
wealth, and to acquire a powerful ascendancy
among her sisters of the national confederacy.

The contemplated railway from the capital
of the British possessions on this continent,
through the interior of the State of Maine to
Belfast, on the Atlantic ocean, is one of the
present age. When this long and loudly de-
manded public structure, which is to unite, as
it were, the open seas with the upper waters of
the St. Lawrence, bring Quebec in effect to
Belfast, and render the latter place the second
metropolis in New England, shall have been
completed, the citizens of Maine will possess
one of the most profitable as well as stupendous
railroads in America.

THE WHOLE LENGTH. "Boo-wo-oo-oo,"
said a little urchin one day, as he came crying
to his father. "What's the matter, sonny?" in-
quired the compassionate parent. "Why, I down
on the pavements my whole length." "Your
whole length; well, that ain't much." "Much or
not," said the lad, "I'm six foot, lakin' a yard!"
—*Norfolk Advertiser.*

Beautiful Comparison.—As the ostrich uses
both legs and wings when the Arabian courser
bounds in her rear—as the winged lightnings
leap from the heavens when the Eternal has un-
bound the bolts—so does a little nigger run like
the devil when a big dog is after him.—[*Egla-
tine.*]

An Envious Old Lady.—There is a rich old
woman, who resides in Hartford County, Md.,
who has a most unhappy disposition. On one
occasion she was heard to say that she begrud-
ged poor people the itch, as it seemed to afford
them so much satisfaction to scratch them-
selves.

French Custom House Officers at Fault.—
The Gazette des Tribunaux gives an account
of a ludicrous mistake which was lately made
by the custom house officers at Boulogne, and
which, it says, has created a good deal of am-
usement there. An English gentleman a
short time since went to Boulogne for the recov-
ery of his health, but finding himself getting
worse, he sent for a skillful English doctor, in
spite of whose efforts, however, the patient died.
The parents of the deceased wishing to have the
remains sent to England, wrote to Dr. H. to take
the necessary steps. The doctor accordingly
had the body put into a leaden coffin, filled with
spirits of wine, and undertook to go to the pack-
et to see it safe himself. He went to the custom
house, declared the contents of the packet, and
returned home, intending to accompany the
body next day. The custom house officers, while
carrying the coffin to another room, heard
the sound of the liquid, and one of them, who
thought himself a cunning old fox, prided him-
self upon the idea of having discovered an ex-
tensive fraud upon the revenue, hemmed sev-
eral times, and then, with a knowing look, in good
English, ejaculated "French Brandy!" This
had a magical effect. The chief officer made
a hole in the coffin, the liquid ran out, and he
filled a large glass, which he immediately swal-
lowed, and snacking his lips, said it was ex-
cessively good. The glass was filled again and
again, and circulated joyously. The officers
thought the idea of making brandy pass for a
dead body was a very original and humorous
one, laughed, and drew up a process verbal of
the circumstance. The next morning the doc-
tor came to see about his packet. He was told
it had been seized, and that they had even tasted
the contents of the coffin, and that the spirit
was of the very best quality. The doctor's hair
stood on end—"Surely you have not drank any
of it?" said he.

"Yes, but we have though," responded on ev-
ery side, "and excellent stuff it is. You will pay
dearly for your smuggling attempt." "I assure
you," said the doctor, "that coffin only contains
the remains of an English gentleman who died
here." A laugh succeeded this explanation, but
the doctor opened the coffin; at sight of the
corpse swimming in the spirits of wine the offi-
cers drew back with dismay and horror, swearing
that they would be more careful in their re-
searches in future.

Love of Country.—Patriotism, or the love
of country is so general, that even a desert is
remembered with pleasure, provided it is our
own. The Cretons called it by a name which
signified a mother's love for her children. The
Ethiopian imagines that God made his sands
and deserts, while angels only were employed
in forming the rest of the globe. The Carabi-
an tribe of Onadelin corcor that sun, moon and
stars, rise only for them. The Maltese, insu-
lated on a rock, distinguish their island by the ap-
pellation of "The flower of the world;" and the
Caribbes esteem their country a Paradise, and
themselves alone entitled to the name of men.
Bosman relates, that the negroes of the Gold
coast of Africa are so desirous of being buried
in their own country that if a man die at some
distance from it, and his friends are not able to
take his body to his native spot, they cut off his
head, one arm and one leg; cleanse them, boil
them, and then carry them to the desired spot,
where they inter them with great solemnity.—
And the Tananeso have such an affection for the
place of their nativity that no advantage can in-
duce them, (the agricultural tribes in particu-
lar,) to quit the tombs of their fathers. The
The Norwegians, proud of their barren summits,
inscribe upon their rix dollars—"Spirit, loyal-
ty, valor, and whatever is honorable, let the
world learn among the rocks of Norway."

The abbe de Lille relates of an Indian who,
amid the splendor of Paris, beholding a canna-
na tree in the Juridice des Plantes bathed it with
tears and for a moment seemed to be transport-
ed to his own land. And when an European
advised some American Indians to emigrate to
another district, "What," said they, "shall we
say to the bones of our fathers, arise, and follow
us to a foreign country?"

Outrage upon a Lady at Brooklyn.—Sci-
ence of Self Defence.—A young lad only fifteen
years of age, and of proverbially amiable dis-
position, while returning, on Thursday after-
noon, in the suburbs of Brooklyn from a shoot-
ing excursion, came up to two brute ruffians in
the garb of gentlemen, who were offering the
greatest indecency to a highly respectable young
lady who was passing along the walk. The
young lad immediately accosted them, rescued
the young lady, and pushed the ruffians off.
They made light, and a person coming up at
the time, took part with the youth, which latter
then first knocked down the smallest of the two
villains, and afterwards the largest, who was a
six-foot monster, leaving him and his comrade
both sprawling in the street. Incredible as it
may seem, this feat in defence of female inno-
cence was performed by the youth alone, with-
out any other weapon than his fists; and his
victory is to be imputed to his masterly skill in
the science of self-defence. We abstain from
giving names, but the facts are, we are assured
from undoubted authority, precisely as we have
stated.—*Eve. Star.*

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Announcing the Victory of Marathon.
He cometh from the purple hills,
Where the fight has been to-day;
He bears the standard in his hand—
Shout round the victor's way!
The sun-set or battle won,
Is round his steps from Marathon.
Gather the myrtles near,
And fling them on his path;
Take from her braided hair
The flowers the maiden hath,
A welcome to the welcome one,
Who hastens now from Marathon.
They crowd around his steps,
Rejoicing, young and old;
The laurel-branch he bears,
His glorious tale hath told,
The Persian's hour of pride is done,
Victory is on Marathon.
She cometh with brightened cheek,
She who hath all day wept:
The wife and mother's tears,
Where her youngest infant slept,
The heart is in her eyes alone,
What careth she for Marathon?
But down on the threshold, down!
Sinks the warrior's falling breath,
The tale of that mighty day
Is left to be told by death.
'Tis a common tale—the victor's march
Sole, in tears and blood, o'er Marathon."

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EUCLES
Announcing the Victory of Marathon.
He cometh from the purple hills,
Where the fight has been to-day;
He bears the standard in his hand—
Shout round the victor's way!
The sun-set or battle won,
Is round his steps from Marathon.
Gather the myrtles near,
And fling them on his path;
Take from her braided hair
The flowers the maiden hath,
A welcome to the welcome one,
Who hastens now from Marathon.
They crowd around his steps,
Rejoicing, young and old;
The laurel-branch he bears,
His glorious tale hath told,
The Persian's hour of pride is done,
Victory is on Marathon.
She cometh with brightened cheek,
She who hath all day wept:
The wife and mother's tears,
Where her youngest infant slept,
The heart is in her eyes alone,
What careth she for Marathon?
But down on the threshold, down!
Sinks the warrior's falling breath,
The tale of that mighty day
Is left to be told by death.
'Tis a common tale—the victor's march
Sole, in tears and blood, o'er Marathon."

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monial speculations, Mr. Spikes.
'Why, yes, a little so; but I don't mind it,
sir. Landmarks, you know, aren't seen out at
sea. I manage to cast 'em off when I take a
departure. But enough of my own yarn and a
little more of yours. You've worked yourself
into a bad channel, Mr. Everett.'

'If you mean to say I am at present involved
in difficulties,' replied the midshipman, gravely,
'you are right.'

'That was my drift exactly, Master George,'
answered Spikes, 'and how do ye intend to
work your traverse out of it?'

'By quitting the ship to-night.'

'Yes—that would be as easy done as said if
you had the first luff's permission to leave and
the officer of the deck's order for a boat.'

'My departure from this ship, Mr. Spikes,'
shall not be dependent on the favor of either of
them. I shall swim to the shore this very
night.'

'What! an officer turn deserter?'

'Even so: 'tis my only chance.'

'And the sentinels—how do you expect to
weather the redcoats?' asked Spikes.

'By discretion.'

'Well, well, Mr. Everett, you're a fine young
gentleman, and damn me if I don't lend you a
hand though they smash me for it. I liked the
manner you capsized his lordship this morning,
and so did every man for 'd of the steerage
bulkhead. I've got a thing stowed away here
in the starboard locker of this pea-jacket that
will keep the soger in play while you slip down
the bobstay. So now, Mr. Everett, I'll go for-
'ard, and you must watch the moment to slip
cable and fill away.' So, leaving our hero to
await the moment when the attention of the sen-
tinel should be diverted from his duty, Mr.
Spikes proceeded to the topgallant forecastle to
effect the desired end. Seating himself on the
forecastle chest within a few feet of the upright
form of the marine, he gave a loud 'hem!' to
notify the other of his presence, and, perceiving
that this had the desired effect, he drew forth a
bottle half full of good old whiskey, and, giving
it a hearty shake, he held it up to the light of
the moon for a moment, as if in examination of
its bead, and then uncorking it, took a hearty
and long-enduring draught. This was striking
at the very root of the soldier's philosophy.—
He looked wistfully at the bottle, and seemed to
distrust the event of a separation between the
mouth of the bottle and the mouth of the man.
But when the boatswain at length took it from
his lips with a smack of satisfaction, and held it
invitingly towards the sentry, the philosophy of
the latter disappeared altogether, and laying
down his musket, he did as much justice to its
contents as did its legitimate possessor the mo-
ment before.

'Bless me! what was that?' ejaculated the
soldier, as Everett let go his hold of the bob-
stay and plunged into the water.

as firm as the mast behind him, whilst Mr.
Spikes descended the forecastle ladder for the
purpose of rousing the hundred sleeping in-
mates of the Ganymede from the fairy region
of dreams to scenes of sterner reality.

After our hero had gained the water, he
struck out from under the bows of the frigate
as silently as possible, his progress at first was
painfully slow, as the moon was shining as
bright as day, and he knew that the slightest
noise would alarm the watchful ears of the sen-
tinel. The tide at the time was at ebb, and he
was consequently drifted in the direction of the
East river, and more in a line with the obser-
vation of the marine stationed on the poop,
whom he knew would be more on the alert than
the man whom Spikes was entertaining on the
forecastle. This rendered it necessary to be
still more cautious, and an observer would
hardly have noticed his progress at all, but still
he gradually approached the shore, and as he
increased the distance between himself and the
frigate, his efforts became more and more en-
ergetic. Once he thought an unfortunate
splash had discovered him to the sentinel, but
the cry of 'all's well,' which rose from the Gan-
ymede the next moment, assured him to the con-
trary, and he bounded forward with renewed
vigor and brighter anticipations.

Already had our hero gained two thirds of
the space that lay between the nearest point of
land and the anchorage of the frigate; the
shore rose up boldly before him, and a few min-
utes exertion would place him in safety upon
the surface. Already he began to congrat-
ulate himself upon his good fortune, when the
loud shrill whistle of the boatswain, followed
by the hoarse and long continued cry, 'A-l-
h-a-n-d-s!' swelled from the decks of the
Ganymede with a sound that sent an icy chill
to the heart and hopes of the midshipman.—
There was still a broad sheet of water to be
passed before he could gain the point of land,
and the tide was setting fearfully against him;
terror lent him renewed energy, and he exerted
his limbs with renewed vigor. At intervals he
would look wildly back in the direction of the
dark hull of the frigate to ascertain if he was
yet pursued; but it was nearly five minutes
from the time he was observed by the sentinel
before the first boat pushed off in chase.

'Hurry up there, men, hurry up!' shouted
the officer of the deck as the crew issued hastily
from the depths of the ship, wondering what
circumstance disturbed them at that unseason-
able time. 'Hurry up, hurry up!' exclaimed
the master-at-arms, rattling his rattle upon the
watch ladder. 'Tumble up, tumble up!' shout-
ed Spikes, who betrayed a more than interest
in the affairs of the moment.

'Call away all the boats, bo'sin's mate—stand
by to take charge young gentlemen,' exclaimed
the first Lieutenant, who had just come on
deck. 'Away there, first cutters, away—away
there, second and third cutters—go in your
boat gigs!' exclaimed one of the boatswain's as-
sistants, with a voice that bore no small resem-
blance to the intonation of a coffee-mill—'hurry,
my livers don't be a life-time about it.'

The confusion of men hurrying to and fro,
the lowering of the boats from the davits, the
mandates of the officers, the cheerings and
curses of the crews of the various boats, the
noise of the oars as they were tossed about the
thwarts, and their wash as they rose and fell in
the water, rendered the scene one of lively in-
terest. Men were seen stirring on board the
two smaller vessels of war, and presently mes-
sages came from each, to ascertain the cause
of the sudden movement, and proffer their res-
pective assistance.

The last boat had left the side of the Gan-
ymede, and Everett had not yet reached the
shore. His strength was well nigh exhausted,
and his strokes were slow and feeble. Although
he gained the precincts of the heavy shade of
the buildings, despair seized upon his heart, and
he felt his efforts succumbing to long baffled
weakness. Ten yards of water separated him
from the shore, but he could sustain himself no
further. 'God have mercy on me!' exclaimed
the young man in the bitterness of his soul, as
he beheld the foremost boat sweeping rapidly
towards him, impelled by the long, steady
strokes of six lusty rowers. Again he threw
the little energy left into his arms, wildly he
dashed his limbs through the treacherous ele-
ment; it was the last effort of despair, and that
effort was successful. He gained the beach,
paused a moment for breath, and rushed for a
while amidst the intricacies of the city, and at
length sunk exhausted down upon the pave-
ment. Half an hour afterwards a gun was
fired from the Ganymede, in recall to her boats,
and they slowly returned from their unsuccess-
ful search.

INFLUENCE. Nobody is without influence.—
The smallest atom in the Universe hath its in-
fluence on every other atom. The smallest
drop of dew that falls into the Ocean, hath its
influence on the tides—the everlasting pulses
of that Ocean. All bodies, whether moral or
physical, gravitate toward the centre of the Un-
iverse. From the deepest vault above—the
caverns of the stars—down to the deepest place
of all the Earth or Sea, where treas flower to
the thunder, and the coral of the profoundest
depths blossom, to a perpetual hurricane—there
selves.

is not an insect—an atom—a mote—which
bath not an immediate and everlasting influ-
ence upon the very stars themselves, and upon
the steadfast foundations of that earth.

OUR STATE.
In the American Magazine of Useful and
Entertaining Knowledge, for February, there
is an engraving representing the "Coat of Arms
of the State of Maine." In connection with it,
the editor has given the following article. It
will be seen that the writer has made us real
"go-ahead" steam-boat characters.—*People's
Advocate.*

Here is a fac simile of the "Armored Bear-
ings" of the State of Maine—formerly "the
District" of that name—and which became in-
dependent of Massachusetts in 1820. This is
the State so famous for "townships" streams
and waterfalls, pine woods and granite moun-
tains; village sites, lime quarries, and fine farm-
ing lands; and where adventure and specula-
tion have been so rife and triumphant, for sev-
eral years past. The people of Maine have
long been distinguished for their hardihood and
enterprise, their shrewdness, economy, indus-
try, and public spirit. "Go ahead" is almost
an universal, if not an old motto with them;
and they live up to the very letter of it, with a
fixed and persevering purpose really remark-
able. If they fail in one undertaking, they are
ready at once to turn their hand to another;
and "although they may encounter reverses to-
day, like 'true yankees,' they are 'up and do-
ing' to-morrow." Nothing in fact discourages
them. "Go ahead," they cry; and ever pre-
pared to act, "go ahead" it is. With such
habits and dispositions, and under the peculiar
circumstances of their situation, it is not at all
surprising, that comparatively speaking, they
should be in a most gainful and promising con-
dition. Indeed, more and larger fortunes have
probably been amassed in Maine since 1820,
than have been won, in the like space of time,
in any other State of the Union. But this
money-making on a great scale, they say, is
but in its infancy with them. They have but
just entered upon the threshold of "such mat-
ters." Means and opportunities almost innum-
erable still remain; and though now and then
there may be some sort of stagnation in the
world of adventure, still there must be advance-
ment as well as retrogression; and fortunes
upon fortunes are yet in store for those who
are on the alert and seek them. "There is a
tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the
flood, leads on to fortune," and this tide, they
aver is but upon "the incipient flow" in Maine.

It is true, heretofore the inhabitants have
been somewhat behind their neighbors in inter-
nal improvements; for like the people of New
England generally, in respect to the great mod-
ern facilities for intercommunication, they have
been tardy in beginning; but like them too,
having once commenced and got fairly under
way, there is no stopping them. You might as
well attempt to stay the impetus of the "high
wind." Their course is alike onward, sure
and irresistible. Embracing a vast area of
valuable territory, with extensive public do-
mains and superabundant natural resources,
Maine is destined, by the aid of a liberal and
fostering policy on the part of her home gov-
ernment, in regard to all important public un-
dertakings, and by a proper, not to say gener-
ous distribution of the common funds towards
the support of the literary and scientific institu-
tions of the land, by this aid and distribution,
and not without, Maine we repeat, is destined
to flourish more and more in population and
wealth, and to acquire a powerful ascendancy
among her sisters of the national confederacy.

The contemplated railway from the capital
of the British possessions on this continent,
through the interior of the State of Maine to
Belfast, on the Atlantic ocean, is one of the
present age. When this long and loudly de-
manded public structure, which is to unite, as
it were, the open seas with the upper waters of
the St. Lawrence, bring Quebec in effect to
Belfast, and render the latter place the second
metropolis in New England, shall have been
completed, the citizens of Maine will possess
one of the most profitable as well as stupendous
railroads in America.

THE WHOLE LENGTH. 'Boo-wo-oo-oo,'
said a little urchin one day, as he came crying
to his father. 'What's the matter, sonny?', in-
quired the compassionate parent. 'Why, I down
on the pavements my whole length.' 'Your
whole length; well, that ain't much. 'Aluch or
not,' said the lad, 'I'm six foot, lackin' a yard!'
—*Norfolk Advertiser.*

Beautiful Companion.—As the ostrich uses
both legs and wings when the Arabian courser
bounds in her rear—as the winged lightning
leap from the heavens when the Eternal has un-
bound the bolts—so does a little nigger run like
the devil when a big dog is after him.—[*Beglan-
line.*]

An Envious Old Lady.—There is a rich old
woman, who resides in Hartford County, Md.,
who has a most unhappy disposition. On one
occasion she was heard to say that she begrud-
ged poor people the Irish, as it seemed to afford
them so much satisfaction to scratch them-
selves.

French Custom House Officers at Fault.—
The Gazette des Tribunaux gives an account
of a ludicrous mistake which was lately made
by the custom house officers at Boulogne, and
which, it says, has created a good deal of am-
usement there. An English gentleman a
short time since went to Boulogne for the recov-
ery of his health, but finding himself getting
worse, he sent for a skillful English doctor, in
spite of whose efforts, however, the patient died.
The parents of the deceased wishing to have the
remains sent to England, wrote to Dr. H. to take
the necessary steps. The doctor accordingly
had the body put into a leaden coffin, filled with
spirits of wine, and undertook to go to the pack-
et to see it safe himself. He went to the custom
house, declared the contents of the packet, and
returned home, intending to accompany the
body next day. The custom house officers,—
while carrying the coffin to another room, heard
the sound of the liquid, and one of them, who
thought himself a cunning old fox, prided him-
self upon the idea of having discovered an ex-
tensive fraud upon the revenue, hemmed sever-
al times, and then, with a knowing look, in good
English, ejaculated 'French Brandy!' This
had a magical effect. The chief officer made
a hole in the coffin, the liquid ran out, and he
filled a large glass, which he immediately swal-
lowed, and snacking his lips, said it was ex-
cessively good. The glass was filled again and
again, and circulated joyously. The officers
thought the idea of making brandy pass for a
dead body was a very original and humorous
one, laughed, and drew up a process verbal of
the circumstance. The next morning the doc-
tor came to see about his packet. He was told
it had been seized, and that they had even tast-
ed the contents of the coffin, and that the spirit
was of the very best quality. The doctor's hair
stood on end—'Surely you have not drank any
of it?' said he.

'Yes, but we have though,' resounded on ev-
ery side, 'and excellent stuff it is. You will pay
dearly for your smuggling attempt.' 'Assure
you,' said the doctor, 'that coffin only contains
the remains of an English gentleman who died
here.' A laugh succeeded this explanation,—
but the doctor opened the coffin; at sight of the
corpse swimming in the spirits of wine the offi-
cers drew back with dismay and horror, swearing
that they would be more careful in their re-
searches in future.

Love of Country.—Patriotism, or the love
of country is so general, that even a desert is
remembered with pleasure, provided it is our
own. The Cretons called it by a name which
signified a mother's love for her children. The
Ethiopian imagines that God made his sands
and deserts, while angels only were employed
in forming the rest of the globe. The Carabi-
an tribe of Onadelin concur that sun, moon and
stars, rise only for them. The Maltese, insu-
lated on a rock, distinguish their island by the ap-
pellation of "The flower of the world;" and the
Caribbees esteem their country a Paradise, and
themselves alone entitled to the name of men.
Bosman relates, that the negroes of the Gold
coast of Africa are so desirous of being buried
in their own country that if a man die at some
distance from it, and his friends are not able to
take his body to his native spot, they cut off his
head, one arm and one leg; cleanse them, boil
them, and then carry them to the desired spot,
where they inter them with great solemnity.—
And the Tananeso have such an affection for the
place of their nativity that no advantage can in-
duce them, (the agricultural tribes in particu-
lar) to quit the tombs of their fathers. The
Norwegians, proud of their barren summits,
inscribe upon their rix dollars—"Spirit, loyal-
ty, valor, and whatever is honorable, let the
world learn among the rocks of Norway."

The abbe de Lille relates of an Indian who,
amid the splendor of Paris, beholding a canna-
na tree in the Juridice des Plantes bathed it with
tears and for a moment seemed to be transport-
ed to his own land. And when an European
advised some American Indians to emigrate to
another district, "What," said they, "shall we
say to the bones of our fathers, arise, and follow
us to a foreign country?"

Outrage upon a Lady at Brooklyn.—*Sci-
ence of Self Defence.*—A young lad only fifteen
years of age, and of proverbially amiable dis-
position, while returning, on Thursday after-
noon, in the suburbs of Brooklyn from a shoot-
ing excursion, came up to two brute ruffians in
the garb of gentlemen, who were offering the
greatest indecency to a highly respectable young
lady who was passing along the walk. The
young lad immediately accosted them, rescued
the young lady, and pushed the ruffians off.
They made fight, and a person coming up at
the time, took part with the youth, which latter
then first knocked down the smallest of the two
villains, and afterwards the largest, who was a
six-foot monster, leaving him and his comrade
both sprawling in the street. Incredible as it
may seem, this feat in defence of female inno-
cence was performed by the youth alone, with-
out any other weapon than his fists; and his
victory is to be imputed to his mastery skill in
the science of self-defence. We abstain from
giving names, but the facts are, we are assured
from undoubted authority, precisely as we have
stated.—*Love Star.*

